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Manti-La Sal National Forest
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Coffee Pot Fire Remains Quiet

Despite daily “Red Flag” conditions, the Coffee Pot Fire north of Indianola, Utah has remained relatively quiet this week. Each day the fire consumes dead and down trees with occasional short runs through grass and brush. In doing so, it is removing overstory, improving wildlife habitat, and abating future danger from fires that may start in the area.

The Coffee Pot Fire was ignited by lightning on July 17, 2010 and has been managed by the Manti-La Sal National Forest with the objectives of protecting firefighters from working in the steep, inaccessible terrain and improving the health of the forest. As of Tuesday evening it was 770 acres in size.

Many factors were considered before deciding to manage the fire. Such things as safety of the firefighters, the amount of moisture in the fuels, the forecasted weather, and the proximity of the fire to homes and communities were all considered. The fire continues to be evaluated and changes made to the management strategy as needed.

The roads and trails immediately surrounding the Coffee Pot Fire are temporarily closed for public safety. Please check with the Sanpete Ranger District (435-283-4151) for more details.

Currently 95 firefighters are assigned to the incident. They are monitoring the fire and clearing a fuel break along the Lake Fork Road.

For more information visit www.utahfireinfo.gov or please contact the Sanpete Ranger District at 435-283-4151.

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